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Examiner: Nicholas W. Woodall

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CEMENT  
DELIVERING BUTTRESS PIN

Attorney Docket: 5490-000313

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance dated March 23, 2007, Applicants make the following observations.


Applicant respectfully acknowledges the Examiner allowing this application. With respect to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, however, Applicant respectfully submits that the elements that the Examiner asserts forms the basis for allowing this application too narrowly define the invention. In fact, Applicant respectfully submits that the elements relied upon by the Examiner, and other elements found in the claims, could be characterized more broadly, and in different combinations and sub-

combination and still present patentable subject matter. Further, Applicant's invention differs from the prior art of record by features other than the limitations cited by the Examiner.

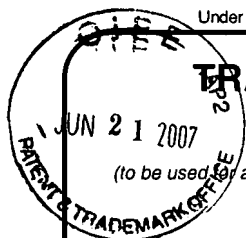
If the Examiner would like to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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